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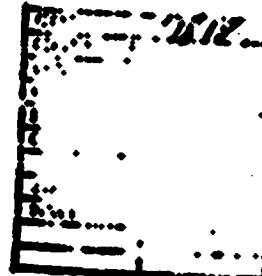
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1. During the recent visit of West German Economic Minister ERHARD to Buenos Aires, (President PERON), praising the advantages of a Latin American Economic Union, emphasized that such a union would also be a successful means of combatting Communism. ERHARD, likewise, shared PERON's view.
2. According to an opinion expressed by Raul APULI, Sub-Secretary of Information, (PERON), in his routine state-of-the-nation speech to Parliament on 1 May 1954, made no mention of the Latin American Economic Union for two reasons:
  - a. the action of the former Brazilian Foreign Minister, Neves de VOTICURA, an anti-Peronist, against YACOBINI and PERON in connection with plans for the union, and
  - b. the circumstance that PERON now wishes to leave the propagation of this idea to ERHARD and his experts in order not to attract more attention to Argentina's interest in the matter. PERON is reckoning strongly on the unusually high prestige enjoyed by ERHARD in South America.
3. At the insistence of Dr. Alfonso TOROZZ MORALES, Minister of Economics, (PERON) asked ERHARD if he was not vexed by the presence of the East German delegation which was also in Buenos Aires at the time of his visit. ERHARD laughingly replied, "The Russian Zone also has to live on something."

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